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Applicant

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1. ☐ The written opinion established by the International Searching Authority:☐ is☐ is not

considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

2. This first (first, etc.) opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

3. The applicant is hereby **invited to reply** to this opinion.**When?** See the time limit indicated above. The applicant may, before the expiration of that time limit, request this Authority to grant an extension, see Rule 66.2(e).**How?** By submitting a written reply, accompanied, where appropriate, by amendments, according to Rule 66.3. For the form and the language of the amendments, see Rules 66.8 and 66.9.**Also** For the examiner's obligation to consider amendments and/or arguments, see Rule 66.4bis.
For an informal communication with the examiner, see Rule 66.6.
For an additional opportunity to submit amendments, see Rule 66.4.**If no reply is filed**, the international preliminary examination report will be established on the basis of this opinion.4. The final date by which the international preliminary report on patentability
(Chapter II of the PCT) must be established according to Rule 69.2 is:09.01.2005

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WRITING OPINION OF THE
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International application No.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This opinion is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this opinion has been established on the basis of (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed."*):

☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished

☐ the description:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages _____ received by this Authority on _____

☐ the claims:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages _____ received by this Authority on _____

☐ the drawings:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages _____ received by this Authority on _____

☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This opinion has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	_____
	Claims	_____
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-6</u>
	Claims	_____
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	_____
	Claims	_____

2. Citations and explanations:

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US, A, 5287138
D2: US, A, 4782355

Document D1 discloses a camera body house for still photography that comprises attachment facilities for a removably mountable lens. The camera body comprises a control unit for controlling the camera body and the lens, where the control unit communicates with the lens via a data bus. Said camera body can be in two different system states when the lens is attached to it and separate from the data bus. The camera body further comprises separate communication means (F), which in a first embodiment is used for transmitting to the camera body the state of the lens, and in a second embodiment is used as the communication line between the microcomputers on the camera body side and the lens side, respectively. According to the second embodiment, even when the camera body is not in its operative state, it is possible to render both of the camera body and the lens operative simply by operating the lens side switch. That is, the camera body can always be actuated from the lens side.

Document D2 discloses a power source system including a power source device (e.g. for a camera) and an external device (e.g. a lens unit) which can be connected to said power source device. In said system, the connection between the power source device and the external device is firstly confirmed, then the power is supplied from the power source device to the external device.

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.
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The camera body according to claims 1 and 2 and the accessory for a camera body according to claims 5 and 6, differ from the camera system disclosed in D1 in that the separate communication means automatically detects the attachment or removal of accessories to or from the camera body. It must, however, be presumed that the separate communications means (F) in D1, firstly detects whether a lens is attached to the camera body or not. Furthermore, it is well known for a person skilled in the art to automatically detect the attachment or removal of accessories to or from a camera body, see e.g. document D2. Consequently, the camera body according to claim 1 and 2 and the accessory for a camera body according to claim 5 and 6 can not be considered to differ in any essential way from the camera system disclosed in D1. Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 can therefore not be considered as involving an inventive step.

The subject matter of claims 3, 4 and 6 appears to comprise only such characteristics that are considered obvious to a person skilled in the art, especially in light of documents D1 and D2. Claims 3, 4 and 6 are therefore not considered to involve an inventive step.